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DEPT FOR SECRETARY VANCE AND OPR/ST/T FROM AMB WEST

REF: (A) STATE 195002, (B) STATE 192136, (C) JIDDA 5607

1. I WILL BE PLEASED TO JOIN SECRETARY VANCE FOR CONSULTATIONS AT ALEXANDRIA AND WOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE A/O 1100 HOURS LOCAL TIME ON AUGUST 7, FOLLOWING MY CONSULTATIONS WITH MINISTER OF DEFENSE, HRH PRINCE SULTAN, AT TAIF ON THE PREVIOUS EVENING CONCERNING SAG-USG MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR YAR. BECAUSE OF TIGHT SCHEDULING, I AM REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL FOR USE OF DAO AIRCRAFT IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF EMBASSY/STATE BUSINESS. THIS SUBJECT HAS BEEN MATTER OF SOME DISCUSSION BETWEEN JIDDA, DIA, AND DEPARTMENT.

2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH GUIDANCE/DIRECTIVES PROVIDED IN STATE 174291, DIA 132230Z JUL 78, AND DIA 212340Z JUL 78, I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE APPROVAL FOR DEPARTMENT FUNDING (POST FUNDS INADEQUATE) FOR FOLLOWING DAO AIRCRAFT FLIGHTS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OF STATE/EMBASSY BUSINESS:
(A) JIDDA-TAIF-ALEXANDRIA AND RETURN, AUGUST 6-9, 1978, FOR CONSULTATIONS ON MATTERS OF U.S. NATIONAL INTEREST WITH SENIOR OFFICIALS OF SAUDI ARABIAN GOVERNMENT AT TAIF ON AUGUST 6 AND WITH SECRETARY VANCE AT ALEXANDRIA

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AUGUST 7-9. IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO ARRANGE COMMERCIAL TRAVEL TO MEET THESE COMMITMENTS UNDER TIME FRAME ESTABLISHED. THERE ARE NO INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS SERVING TAIF.

(B) JIDDA WITH DATES AND LOCATIONS TO BE PROVIDED FOR DIRECT SUPPORT OF AMBASSADOR AND/OR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SAUNDERS AND AMBASSADOR-AT-LARGE ATHERTON PER REFTEL (B).

MOST PROBABLE DATES ARE BETWEEN AUGUST 9-15, FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH SAG AT HIGHEST LEVELS.

(C) DEPARTMENT FUNDING FOR TDY AIR FORCE OR ARMY PILOT FOR DAO AIRCRAFT AS OCCASION REQUIRES FOR ABOVE MISSIONS SINCE ONE DAO PILOT/ASSISTANT AIR ATTACHE IS ON LEAVE.

3. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE ME ON THIS MATTER. REGARDS.

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